8.	C.F. Andrews	(Gujarati)
9.	Valmiki & Vyas	(Gujarati)
10.	Vaighaniko	(Gujarati)
11.	Rabindra Nath Tagore	(Gujarati)
12.	Vishwa ke Shresthe Lok Kathain	(Gujarati)
13.	Bapu ka Saath	(Gujarati)
14.	Hindustan Mein Islamic Uloom ke Marakiz	(Urdu)
15.	A.P. Geography and Resources	(Telugu)
16.	Ghalib & Hundred Moods	(Multilingual)

Target for Installation of Telephones

961. SHRI SUKH RAM : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) the target fixed for installation of telephones in the country during each of the last three years;

(b) whether these target was revised;

(c) if so, the revised target for these years and its achievements against the revised target;

(d) whether original/revised target has not been achieved; and

(e) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI BENI PRASAD VARMA) : (a) The targert fixed for installation of telephones during the last three years are as follows :

1993-94	-	11.05 lakhs
1994-95	-	14.26 lakhs
1995-96	-	20.00 lakhs

(b) These targets were not revised. However, during 1995-96, it was decided that by proper planning and putting all efforts, the Department should be able to achieve 29 lakhs telephone connections.

(c) The achievement made during the last three years are as given below :

1993-94	-	12.40 lakhs
1994-95	-	17.70 lakhs
1995-96	-	21.83 lakhs

(d) The original target has been achieved.

(e) Does not arise in view of (d) above.

Promotion of Fairs and Festivals

962. SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE : Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Union Government have taken any steps to promote fairs and festivals to attract foreign tourists as well as domestic tourists;

(b) if so, the details of States where such fairs and festivals have been organised so far;

(c) whether the Government propose to enhance the allocation of amount to various States to promote fairs and festivals; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRI SRIKANTA JENA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Department of Tourism extends Central financial assistance to identified festivals on proposals sent by the State Governments, based on its merit, inter-se priority and availability of funds. There are over 80 such festivals identified in different Union Territories/ States of the country. The festivals are normally organised on an annual basis.

(c) and (d) During 1996-97, a sum of Rs. 1.3 crores has been kept for allocation to the States for celebration of fairs and festivals and organising rural craft melas.

IA to Float Global Tender for 6 Air Craft

963. SHRI SANDIPAN THORAT : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the news-items captioned, "IA to float global tender for 6 aircraft" appearing in the Pioneer dated February 3, 1997;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the present status of the same and how soon it is expected to be finalised; and

(d) the details regarding the financial implications of the proposal?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM) : (a) to (d) Indian Airlines proposes to float a global tender for dry leasing three A-300 B4 and two A-320 aircraft for a minimum period of one year, in order to augment its capacity during 1997-98 for which necessary details are being worked out.

[Translation]

Welfare Measure for the Workers of Rickshaw Profession

964. SHRI JAI PRAKASH AGARWAL : Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state :

(a) the various welfare schemes introduced/ proposed to be introduced by the Government for the upliftment of labourers engaged in the Rickshaw profession of the country particularly in Delhi; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM) : (a) and (b) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.